



Canaan Planning Board
Minutes
Meeting of May 23, 2013

Call to Order

7:05 John Bergeron called the meeting to order. Members present: John Bergeron, David McAlister (select board representative), Chuck Townsend and Steve Ward. John Bergeron appointed alternate Carol Morrison to fill Andrew Musz's seat.

Master plan discussion volunteer participants included Kevin Howard, Kati Lary Jopek, Wayne Morrison, Jim Nowell, Biff Simpson and Arnold Song.

Master Plan Revision Discussion

John Bergeron distributed two alternative vision statements. The board and public members discussed and made revisions to the proposed vision. At the end participants agreed to bring the following draft forward:

Canaan will maintain the quaint rural atmosphere currently enjoyed, while increasing the sense of community for our residents. The town will be an attractive area with well-maintained homes, small family farms, organic farms, orchards and a vibrant town center. Our school system will be a source of pride: student performance and graduation rates will be measurably better than state averages. The vision will be met within fiscal constraints and a zero net tax increase by attracting small service oriented businesses, as well as "green" businesses with an eye towards technology and renewable resources. Canaan will take steps to meet residents' shopping needs by attracting a supermarket. Town road systems and buildings will be maintained and improved where needed. Lower maintenance costs and improved safety will be the cornerstone of all work undertaken. The town will encourage the expansion of existing parks and open spaces as well as the development of new ones. Our parks will be a four season source of enjoyment for not only our own residents but also residents of surrounding areas. When people visit Canaan they will leave wanting to come back and visit again, or maybe call it home in the near future.

John Bergeron presented a sheet with the chapter headings of the current master plan and the New Hampshire suggested chapters. After discussion we agreed to work on revising the following current chapters, with chapter leadership as shown:

Vision for Canaan's Future	(draft above)
Canaan's People	(Chuck Townsend and Barbara Dolyak)
Housing	(Melissa Allen and Carol Ann Morrison)
The Canaan Economy	(Arnold Song and Biff Simpson)
Our Town Buildings and Services	(Steve Ward and Kati Lary Jopek)
Our Road and Transportation Systems	(Biff Simpson and Pat Danielson)
Natural Resources and Recreation	(Alisa Harris and Kati Lary Jopek)
Preserving Our History	(John Bergeron and Chuck Townsend)

Land Use (Alisa Harris, Melissa Allen, Jim Nowell and John Bergeron)

We discussed adding the following chapters:
Utilities and Public Services (Chuck Townsend and Biff Simpson)
Regional Concerns (Carol Ann and Wayne Morrison)
Energy (Kevin Howard, Jim Nowell and Chuck Townsend)

Chapter leaders will begin work on their own and will report on progress at the next master plan work meeting, which was scheduled for on June 27.

Minutes review

Chuck Townsend read the minutes from the May 9, 2013 meeting. Several errors were noted. David McAlister moved that the board accept the minutes with corrections. After a second by Steve Ward the motion was approved.

Correspondence Review

UVLSRPC - 50th Annual Meeting notice and invitation for Tue, June 18 2013 at 5:00pm
Conn. River Joint Commissions - *Water Resources Management Plan*
Right to know request for all known documents related to Canaan Fair Speedway.

Preliminary Completeness Review

Board members reviewed a subdivision application for the Map 13 Lot 2 property on Cider Mill Road owned by the Lary Family Trust. David McAlister moved, with a second from Chuck Townsend, that we find the application sufficiently complete for public hearing. The hearing was scheduled on June 13 at 7:15 at the Canaan Senior Center.

Other Business

Steve Ward will meet with Mike Samson in early June to start the 2013 Capital Improvements Program process.

Adjournment

8:52 David McAlister moved adjournment with a second from Steve Ward. Motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted
Chuck Townsend, Vice Chair